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### **MARYLAND MAN SENTENCED TO LIFE FOR KINSALE MURDER**

(**Richmond, VA**) - LaJuan Davis, age 23, of Baltimore, Maryland, was sentenced to life imprisonment plus 120 consecutive months today after his conviction in February 2006 of multiple charges, including conspiracy and carjacking, in connection with the 2000 home invasion and murder of Francis M. Bailey in Kinsale, Virginia. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia made the announcement following sentencing by United States District Judge Henry E. Hudson.

According to court documents, on June 30, 2000, Davis and an accomplice robbed and murdered Sean Powell, a Baltimore cab driver. On July 6, 2000, with the assistance of Vernell Lee, age 42, and James McCray, age 45, both of Baltimore, Maryland, Davis and his accomplice fled to the vacant home of one of Lee's relatives, located in Westmoreland County, Virginia. They then went to Mr. Bailey's nearby residence for the purpose of stealing Mr. Bailey's vehicle and took Mr. Bailey into a field where they shot and killed him with a single barrel .12 gauge shotgun.

Davis and his accomplice then drove Mr. Bailey's car back to Baltimore where they destroyed the car by arson. Later, with the assistance of Robert Tyson, age 29, also of Baltimore, Maryland, Davis and his accomplice used Mr. Bailey's ATM/debit card multiple times.

Davis, Lee, McCray, and Tyson were indicted by a federal grand jury in Richmond on July 6, 2005. On January 31, 2006, Lee entered a guilty plea before Judge Hudson to

Conspiracy To Commit Flight To Avoid Prosecution. She was sentenced May 12, 2006 to 54 months' incarceration. On February 9, 2006, McCray entered a guilty plea to the same charge. He was sentenced May 12, 2006 to 15 months' incarceration. Tyson pled guilty in federal court to bank fraud on October 24, 2005, and was sentenced on January 20, 2006, to six months incarceration.

Also announcing the indictment are Donald Thompson, Special Agent-In-Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Richmond Resident Office; Dean Atkins, Westmoreland County Commonwealth's Attorney; Charles W. Jackson, Westmoreland County Sheriff; and Wayne Middleton, Northumberland County Sheriff.

Assistant United States Attorney S. David Schiller prosecuted the case for the U.S. Attorney's Office.

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